

CLAIMS

1. A mobile communication device having an openable/closable case, a plurality of operation units that are operable regardless of whether the case is opened or closed, and a
5 locking function for disabling processing associated with operation of the operation units, comprising:

an opened/closed detection unit operable to detect an opened/closed state of the case;

a judging unit operable to judge whether a
10 predetermined operation has been performed on at least one of the operation units with the case in a closed state and the locking function enabled; and

an operation control unit operable, when the judging unit has judged in the affirmative, to enable processing
15 associated with operation of at least one of the operation units.

2. The mobile communication device of claim 1, wherein

the operation control unit disables the enabled
20 processing associated with operation of the at least one operation unit, if the at least one operation unit is not operated within a predetermined time period or if the case is opened.

25 3. The mobile communication device of claim 1, having a main screen operable to display information with the case in an opened state, and further comprising:

a sub-screen operable to display information with the

case in a closed state, wherein

the operation units include an operation unit provided on a same surface as the sub-screen and a side key provided on a main body lateral surface, and

5 processing associated with operation of the operation unit provided on the same surface as the sub-screen is disabled when the lock function is enabled.

4. A method for controlling a mobile communication device
10 having an openable/closable case, a plurality of operation units that are operable regardless of whether the case is opened or closed, and a locking function for disabling processing associated with operation of the operation units, comprising the steps of:

15 detecting an opened/closed state of the case;
 judging whether a predetermined operation has been performed on at least one of the operation units with the case in a closed state and the locking function enabled; and
 when the judging unit has judged in the affirmative,
20 enabling processing associated with operation of at least one of the operation units.